

Flashes of Fun.

"Garments without buttons" are advertised. We've got 'em and so has every other bachelor.

"I'm not a free trader," said a Pittsburg father, as he led his son out of the pantry by the ear, "but I am opposed to such attacks on sugar."

A cripple had the misfortune to break his wooden leg last week, and he consoled himself with the remark "A man divided against himself cannot stand."

An old coquette is like a rose-bush in Winter; the flowers and leaves having fallen off, the beauty and fragrance gone, nothing is left but the thorn.

"I like to have my own weigh," said the grocer when he forgot to remove the pressure of his hand from the sugar that he had just put into the scales.

A wag has truthfully said that if some men could come out of their graves and read the inscriptions on their tombstones they would think they had got into the wrong grave.

"Judge, I desire to be discharged from jury service."

"Why," asked the court.

"Because I can only hear with one ear."

"Oh, you'll do," said the judge. "We only hear one side of a case at a time."

A Chicago journalist asks whether the people are any better for being organized into parties. Perhaps not, but they are a little more easily handled, just as hash is a little more docile when it gets between crusts and is called mince pie.

Birdie McHennepin and her brother were at the seashore: "Oh, see that!" exclaimed Birdie. "See what?" inquired the stoical John. "Why see that little cloudlet just above the wavelet, like a tiny leaflet dancing o'er the scene?" "Oh, come; you had better go out to the pumplet in the back yardlet and soak your little headlet."

"Mother," said a little Rockland girl, looking up from her book, "what does transatlantic mean?" "Oh, across the Atlantic, of course. Don't bother me, you make me forget my count." Does trans always mean across? I suppose it does. If you don't stop bothering me with your questions you'll go to bed."

"Then does transparent mean a cross parent?"

During a dense fog a Mississippi steamer took landing. A traveler, anxious to go ahead, came to the unperturbed manager of the wheel, and asked why they stopped. "Too much fog. Can't see the river." "But you can see the stars overhead." "Yes," replied the urbane pilot; "but until the biler busts we ain't going that way." The passenger went to bed.

FORGOT HER FEET.

A boy being asked what his name was on the first day of school replied that he "left it to home." An absent-mindedness quite as mortifying sometimes affects people so that they wish they had left certain things at home. A Chicago gentleman, speaking of absent minded people, remarked that his wife was one of the most thoughtful women in the world, but one night recently they both dressed very carefully to attend a large party, being anxious for certain reasons to appear well.

"My wife," said he, "was greatly concerned about me, as I am the most absent-minded member of the family and looked me over critically and carefully after I left the courtroom and before I went down stairs to the drawing room where the guests were. She was herself all right of course, and superbly dressed.

"We went down in high feather and had passed through all the parlors and spent a delightful half hour on parade duty, as it were, when my wife suddenly turned pale, in what I thought was a fainting fit.

"I hurried her from the room, and was about to turn the house upside down for restoratives, when she clutched my sleeve and pointed to her feet. She had, before leaving home, drawn over her shoes a pair of my socks, and had forgotten to remove them. The thought that she had been parading before 300 people with those socks on was too much for her."

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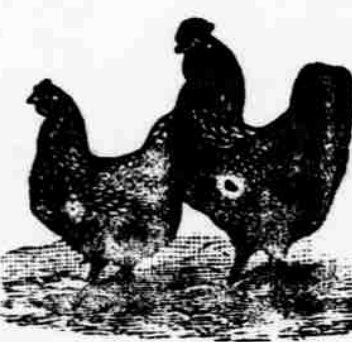
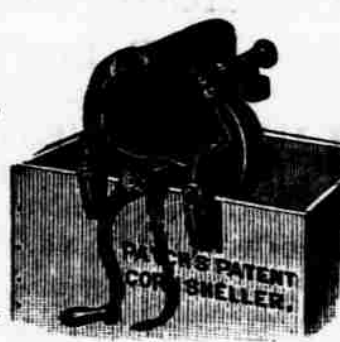
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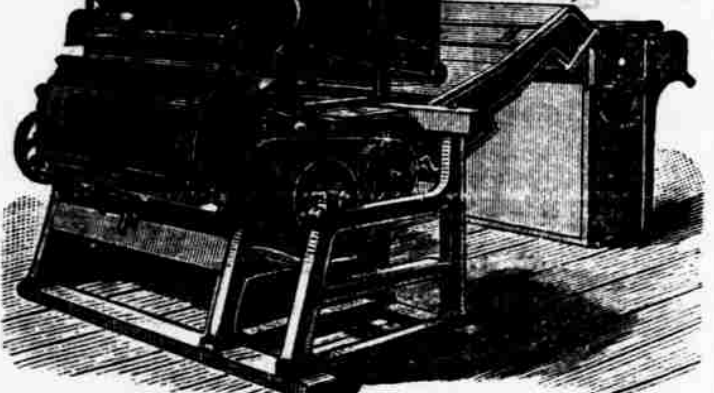
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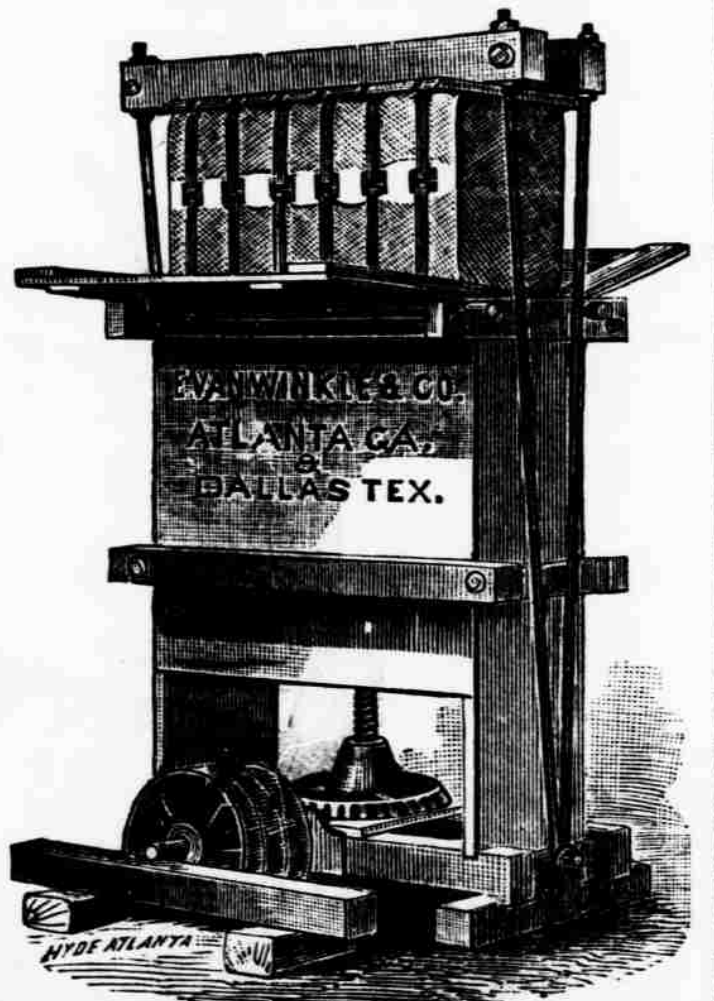
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